

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed on April 1, 2009 has been reviewed. Claims 23-33 and 37-44 are pending in this application.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 23-33, 37-42 and 43-44 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Huffman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,053,736) (herein *Huffman*) in view of Lin (U.S. Patent No. 6,478,581) (herein *Lin*) further in view of Darago et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,170,014) (herein *Darago*) still further in view of Salisbury (Publication “Web-Based Simulation Visualization using Java3D”) (herein *Salisbury*). Applicants respectfully traverse.

Claim 23 now recites

interface information is stored in a client program residing locally on the remotely-located client computer, wherein interface commands from a user are relayed to the general-purpose host computer over the network, and wherein a portion of the interface updates are processed locally in the remotely-located client computer in response to instructions from the general-purpose host computer in order to reduce delay produced by the network.

Likewise, claim 37 recites

interface information is stored in a client program residing locally on the client computer, wherein interface commands from a user are relayed to the content-providing system over the public digital network, and wherein a portion of the interface updates are processed locally in the client computer in response to instructions from the content-providing system in order to reduce delay produced by the public digital network.

Likewise, claim 43 recites

wherein interface information is stored in a client program residing locally on the remotely-located client computer, wherein interface commands from a user are relayed to the general-purpose host computer over the network, and wherein a portion of the interface updates are processed locally in the remotely-located client computer in

response to instructions from the general-purpose host computer to reduce delay produced by the network.

Support for these limitations is found at page 8, lines 6-12 of the present application.

There is no teaching or suggestion in *Huffman*, *Lin*, *Darago*, or *Salisbury*, either alone or in combination, of

interface information is stored in a client program residing locally on the remotely-located client computer (also referred to as client computer), wherein interface commands from a user are relayed to the general-purpose host computer (or content-providing system) over the network (or public digital network) and wherein a portion of the interface updates are processed locally in the remotely-located client computer in response to instructions from the general-purpose host computer in order to reduce delay produced by the network.

Thus, even if the teachings of *Huffman*, *Lin*, *Darago*, and *Salisbury* are combined as suggested by the Examiner, not all of the limitations of claims 23, 37, and 43, are met. Hence, claims 23, 37, and 43 would not have been obvious over *Huffman* in view of *Lin*, *Darago*, and *Salisbury*.

Since claims 24-33 and 44 depend from claim 23, these dependent claims include the limitations of claim 23. Since claims 38-42 depend from claim 37, these dependent claims include the limitations of claim 37. Accordingly, claims 24-33, 38-42, and 44 would also not have been obvious over *Huffman*, in view of *Lin*, *Darago*, and *Salisbury* at least for the reasons given above.

For the forgoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 23-33 and 37-44 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that claims **23-33 and 37-44** are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayments to Deposit Account No. 502432.

If the Examiner has any questions or concerns regarding this application, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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